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In re application of:

Norikazu MIZUNO, et al.

Serial No.: 09/670,917

Filed: September 29, 2000

For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REMOVING SILICON NITRIDE FORMED IN A REACTION CONTAINER (AS

AMENDED)

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time extending to June 20, 2002, the period for response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2001. A check in the amount of \$920.00 for the three-month extension fee is enclosed. The responsive papers are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfullysubmitted,

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